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WELCH PIETY:

OR, A

FARTHER ACCOUNT

Of the CIRCULATING

Welch Charity Schools,

FROM

Michaelmas 1768, to Michaelmas 1769.

BEING

TESTIMONIALS

Relating to the MASTERS and SCHOLARS of the ſaid SCHOOLS.

TOGETHER WITH

A LIST, ſhewing the Place where each School was kept, and the Number of SCHOLARS Taught therein.

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Thou, O GOD, haſt prepared of thy Goodneſs for the Poor.——Bleſſed be GOD.

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BENEFACTIONS *for the Uſe of the* Circulating *Welch* Charity Schools *may be ſent to the following Gentlemen*; viz.

SIR JOHN THOROLD, Bart. at *Cranwell*, *Lincolnſhire*;

The Rev. Mr JAMES SPARROW, at *Bath*;

The Rev. Dr STONHOUSE, at *Briſtol*;

THOMAS JONES, Eſq; of the Exchequer, in *Cowley-ſtreet*, *Weſtminſter*;

The Rev. Mr THOMAS ELLIS, Rector of *Nutsfield* in *Surry*; and

Mrs BEVAN, of *Laugharne*, in *Carmarthenſhire*.

PREFACE.

IN *Purſuance of the Promiſe formerly given, a Number of* CERTIFICATES, *ſetting forth the great Uſefulneſs of the* Circulating Welch Charity Schools, *and the good Behaviour of the Maſters, is exhibited to the Public, in order that the kind Contributors toward their Support may have the Satisfaction to find that this* ſpiritual Charity *continues to proſper, notwithſtanding the great Loſs it ſuſtained by the Death of that eminently uſeful and pious Clergyman, the* Reverend Mr GRIFFITH JONES.

As the Deſign of this Undertaking is calculated for the Advancement of the Religion of HIM who came into the World to ſave Sinners; *and as it hath been inſtrumental toward the Inſtruction of ſo many Thouſands of his* MAJESTY's *Subjects in the Principles of our holy Religion, it is not doubted but it will continue to be encouraged by the Beneficence of pious* Chriſtians, *who will be always ſure of the Prayers of the* religious Poor, *made duly ſenſible, during their Continuance in theſe humble Seminaries, of the Duty of praying for themſelves, for their Benefactors, and for all Mankind.*

EXTRACTS

EXTRACTS *of* LETTERS *and* CERTIFICATES *received from* Michaelmas 1768, *to* Michaelmas 1769, *from ſeveral Clergymen and others, concerning the* Circulating Welch Charity Schools, *and the Behaviour of the Maſters therein employed in the Counties of* South *and* North Wales.

The EXTRACTS *are placed according to their Date.*

N. B. *Many more Certificates have been received, than are thought needful to be publiſhed.*

The following Certificate was ſent to the Rev. Mr Thomas Lewis, *Inſpecter of the Welch Schools in* Brecknockſhire *and came too late to be inſerted in the laſt Welch* PIETY.

Devynnock in *Brecknockſhire*, Auguſt 11, 1768.

REV. SIR,

I T is with great Pleaſure I certify, that *Evan Davies*, Maſter of the *Welch* Charity School at *Illtud* Chapel, within the Pariſh of *Devynnock*, has behaved in a pious and regular Manner; and, by the Bleſſing of GOD on his Diligence, the Scholars made great

Improvement. Our moſt ſincere Thanks are juſtly due, and humbly tendered to that worthy Lady (Mrs *Bevan*) who is the greateſt Supporter and Promoter of this moſt excellent Charity (if not the only one) in theſe Parts of *Wales*. The Inhabitants of the Hamlet of *Glynn*, to which *Illtud* Chapel belongs, join with me in our moſt earneſt Requeſt, that a School may be ſet up there for another Quarter, after Harveſt, and to be taught by the ſame Maſter. I am, *&c.*

Ro. Lloyd.

Battle in *Brecknockſhire*, Oct. 9, 1768.

THIS is to certify, that *Rees Davies* has taught a *Welch* Charity School in this Pariſh; and was very careful and diligent in teaching and catechizing his Scholars. They were examined in Church, and anſwered exceeding well, to the Surprize of the Congregation, and the Comfort of their Parents. In witneſs whereof I have hereunto ſet my Hand the Day and Year above-written.

Howell Powell, Curate of *Battle*.

Meline in *Pembrokeſhire*, Oct. 29, 1768.

MADAM,

THE great Favour of a *Welch* Charity School in *Nevern* Pariſh, is moſt gratefully acknowledged by my poor Pariſhioners and ſelf. The Children taught were near Forty, and were Catechiſed by me in Church; where they performed to the Satisfaction

Satisfaction of all there preſent. The Maſter, *John Jenkin*, has been very diligent in teaching his Scholars, not only to read and repeat the Church Catechiſm, but likewiſe to underſtand it; having aſked them ſeveral explanatory Queſtions from the ſame, and they anſwered very well. I ſhall add no more, but my moſt fervent Prayers for the Proſperity of this moſt valuable Charity. And may the God of all Mercies reward you and every pious Contributor to the ſame. I am, *&c.*

James Bowen, Curate.

Llanllwch in *Caermarthenſhire*, Nov. 22, 1768.

MADAM,

THE Bearer hereof, *Evan John*, has continued his uſual Care and Diligence in his Attendance on the *Welch* School. The Children and Adults under his Care have made a ſuitable Proficiency in their Reading, in learning by Heart the Church Catechiſm, and a great Part of the *Explanation* of it. You have the Bleſſing and Prayers of the Poor; and I heartily join them in our united Thanks for this moſt beneficial Charity, a Charity that manifeſtly tends to the Salvation of immortal Souls! It will greatly add to the Obligation if you will be pleaſed to favour us with the ſame Maſter next Summer; and may the ſupreme Being long preſerve you to do Good in your Generation. I am, *&c.*

David Jones, Curate.

Llanfairynghornwy in *Angleſea*, Dec. 19, 1768.

THIS is to certify, that *Owen Bentley*, Maſter of the *Welch* Charity School in this Pariſh, has for theſe three Months laſt paſt, behaved in a ſober regular and pious Manner, and that he has been diligent in inſtructing the Children under his Care.

John Williams, Rector of *Llanfairynghornwy*.

The following Letter was ſent to the Reverend Mr Thomas Evans, *Inſpecter of the Welch Schools in* Glamorganſhire.

St Mary Hill in *Glamorganſhire*, Dec. 19. 1768.

Rev. Sir,

I Do hereby certify, that *David Thomas*, the Bearer hereof, has taught a *Welch* School in the Pariſh of St *Mary* in the County of *Glamorgan*, and behaved unexceptionably, as appears to me from the Progreſs his Scholars have made in ſo ſhort a Time. I have publicly examined them in time of Divine Service; and they anſwered the Church Catechiſm very well; and ſome few of them anſwered ſeveral Queſtions in the *Expoſition*. I need not enlarge here upon the Uſefulneſs of this Method of inſtructing Youth, ſince the Benefit received thereby for many Years paſt is a certain Evidence of it. The Childrens Parents are very thankful for the Favour of having ſuch an Advantage for their Children, and would be doubly obliged for the Maſter's Continuance for another Quarter; which alſo ſhall be gratefully acknowledged by, *&c.*

George Williams, Curate of St *Mary Hill*.

Llanvihangel y Croythin in *Cardiganſhire*, Jan. 10, 1769.

MADAM,

THIS is to certify, that *William Lewis*, the preſent Maſter of our *Welch* School, behaves very well in his Station as a Schoolmaſter. I return you, Madam, my ſincere Thanks for your Charitable Benevolence to the poor People of my Pariſh, who am, *&c.*

E. Griffiths, Vicar of *Llanvihangel y Croythin.*

St David's in *Pembrokeſhire*, Jan. 14, 1769.

MADAM,

AFter returning you my moſt ſincere Thanks in the Name of all my Pariſhioners, for your great Kindneſs to us, by indulging us for many Years ſucceſſively with a careful and decent *Welch* Schoolmaſter, who has taught many *Hundreds* to read perfectly, and to make their *Reſponſes* in Church: Nor can we be ever unmindful of the many *Welch Teſtaments* you have been ſo good as to beſtow *gratis* on ſuch Children, who have excelled others in learning the *Expoſition* of the Church Catechiſm. We are duly ſenſible of ſuch Bleſſings, and are grateful to our Benefactreſs. May you receive a double Portion of Felicities from that Hand which is inexhauſtible. The Number of Scholars taught by *Rees David* for this laſt Quarter is Forty-eight. That you may live to ſee many happy Returns of the Year, for the Benefit of Mankind, are the unfeigned Prayers of, *&c.*

Del. Pritchett, Subchanter.

Froſtrey in *Monmouthſhire* Jan. 23, 1769.

MADAM,

THE Bearer hereof, *Rees Williams*, having applied to me for a Certificate of his Care in teaching a *Welch* Charity School in this Pariſh for the laſt Quarter, expiring the 21ſt Inſtant. I give it him moſt readily; aſſuring you, that no Scholars that ever came before me, repeated the Church Catechiſm more perfectly and deliberately: though they were, at the ſame Time, ſome of the youngeſt I ever ſaw, and moſt of them had never been in School before; ſo that he muſt have taken abundance of Pains. You, and the reſt of the worthy Benefactors, have the hearty Prayers and Thanks of theſe poor Childrens Parents; and more eſpecially of, Madam, your, *&c.*

E. Thomas, Miniſter ibidem.

Llanilar in *Cardiganſhire*, Feb. 9, 1769.

THIS is to certify, that *William Davies*, Maſter of the *Welch* Charity School in this Pariſh, is regular and careful in teaching the Youth that are ſent to him. I do, in the Name of my Pariſhioners, ſincerely thank all thoſe laudable and pious Promoters of this Charity; and hope they will be pleaſed to continue it ſome Time longer. And the Poor ſhall ever pray for their preſent and future welfare. I have examined the Children in the Church Catechiſm, and found they have done very well. My ſincere Reſpects attend the worthy Promoters of this Charity; and my Prayers ſhall not be wanting for their Succeſs and Welfare.

William Hughes, Clerk, Vicar of *Llanilar*.

Llanddewy Aberarth in *Cardiganſh.* Feb. 10, 1769.

MADAM,

I HUMBLY beg leave to certify, that *David John*, Teacher of the *Welch* Charity School in the Village of *Llanddewy Aberarth*, behaved with great Induſtry and Diligence in teaching the poor Children committed to his Care. I have often catechiſed his Scholars publicly in Church before a numerous Congregation; and they anſwered very well. The poor Childrens Parents join with me in returning you, and the reſt of the worthy Benefactors of this laudable Charity, a great many Thanks. May you and they be amply rewarded in the glorious Kingdom that will have no End. This is the ſincere Wiſh and earneſt Prayer of, *&c.*

David Jones, Miniſter.

Llanbadarnfawr in *Cardiganſhire*, Feb. 14, 1769.

MADAM,

I Have the Pleaſure to certify you, and the reſt of the worthy Benefactors, that *Jenkin Morgan*, who is a Teacher of the *Welch* Circulating Charity School at *Tŷ'n y Lôn* in this Pariſh, hath approved himſelf to the Pariſhioners and to me, by his Sobriety, Honeſty and Application to his Care. His Scholars (Sixty-ſix in Number) have improved very much for the ſhort Time they have been under his Inſtruction. I have examined about 30 of them in the Catechiſm at Church; they gave great Satisfaction, and it was delightful to hear them anſwer in the *Pſalms* and *Reſponſes* I do, in the Name of the Pariſhioners, and for theſe poor Children,

Children, thank you and the other Benefactors of this moſt uſeful Charity, and beg the Continuance of the Favour, and ſhall always pray for your preſent and everlaſting Happineſs, I am, *&c.*

David Price, Vicar of *Llanbadarnfawr*.

Newport in *Pembrokeſhire*, Feb. 20, 1769.

MADAM,

THIS is to certify, that *Charles John* taught a *Welch* School in this Pariſh; whoſe Life, Conduct, and Diligence in Teaching, in every Reſpect anſwered the important Charge with which he was entruſted. He had upwards of Sixty Scholars, whoſe Performance upon a public Examination at Church of a *Sunday*, in repeating the Catechiſm and anſwering ſeveral other neceſſary Queſtions in the *Principles* of the Chriſtian Religion, far exceeded the Expectation of a numerous Congregation then preſent. The Parents of the poor Children join with me in their hearty Thanks for the Favour; and beg Leave to requeſt you for his Continuance in the ſame Place for one Quarter longer; which will highly oblige them, and, *&c.*

Paul Bowen, Curate,
John James, Mayor,
Wm Hopkin, Churchwarden,
Thomas Morgan.

Bettws Garmon in *Carnarvonſhire*, Mar. 7, 1769.

THIS is to certify, that *Thomas Jones*, Maſter of the *Welch* Charity School kept at *Bettws*, hath behaved himſelf diligently and faithfully in the Diſcharge of his Duty. He has above 80 Scholars under his Care. A great many of them made ſuch Improvement in the *Welch* Language, as to be able to anſwer the *Reſponſes* in Divine Service exceedingly well, and read the *Pſalms* very diſtinctly. They do likewiſe repeat the Church Catechiſm as well as can be expected. It is the humble Requeſt of the Pariſhioners, and myſelf, that the ſaid School may be continued here for *three Months* longer; which ſhall be gratefully acknowledged by,

Daniel Williams, Curate.

Llanrhyſtyd in *Cardiganſhire*, March 8, 1769.

MADAM,

THE *Welch* School, which you were pleaſed to beſtow on this Pariſh, was filled with a great Number of Scholars, who, under the Care of a diligent Maſter, made ſuch Progreſs as could be reaſonably expected. They repeated the Catechiſm very correctly in Church; and many of them could anſwer ſuch Queſtions as naturally aroſe from the ſame, by way of Expoſition. Our ſincereſt Thanks are due to you, and the reſt of the Benefactors to this moſt truly Chriſtian Charity, for your Acts of Benevolence towards the Poor and Ignorant. It is our Happineſs that you expect no other Return from them, than that the true Knowledge, Fear and Love of God be univerſally

ſally promoted. May this, and every other pious Inſtitution which conduces to that End, meet with all poſſible Succeſs. This is the moſt earneſt Prayer of, *&c.*

Iſaac Williams, Vicar.

Abergwily in *Caermarthenſhire*, Mar. 14, 1769.

MADAM,

THE Pariſhioners do join with me in acknowledging ourſelves very much indebted and obliged for the great Favour of beſtowing on this Pariſh, a *Welch* Charity School; and beg you would accept our moſt ſincere and unfeigned Thanks. I beg leave to certify, that *Thomas Lewis*, Maſter of the ſaid School, hath diligently and carefully taught his Scholars to ſpell and read the *Welch* Language, and daily inſtructed them in the Church Catechiſm. He brought many of them at different Times to the Pariſh Church, where I examined them, and was agreeably ſurprized at the great Progreſs they all made in ſo ſhort a Time. It is the unanimous Deſire of the Inhabitants of this Pariſh, that the Maſter ſhould be continued here for one Quarter longer. I myſelf alſo do join in the ſame Requeſt, who am, *&c.*

Richard Lewis, Curate.

Bala in *Merionethſhire*, March 14, 1769.

MADAM,

THE *Welch* Free-Schools have been a great Bleſſing to theſe very dark and ignorant Parts of *North Wales*, and have been the Means, in the Hand

Hand of kind Providence, to reform not only the common poor People, but very many others in this Neighbourhood. I obſerve, in ſeveral other Parts, that theſe Schools have a Tendency to affect the Minds of People with a great Veneration for Religion and Piety; and to diſpel the great Darkneſs that overrules this Part of the World in religious Matters. As this is the Caſe, I hope and beg, Madam, that you will be ſo good, as to ſend us more *Welch* Maſters, to inſtruct our *ignorant Poor* to read their Bibles in the only Language they underſtand; who, I hope, will never ceaſe to pray for you and the Promoters of this good Work, as will, Madam, a ſincere Well-wiſher to the Cauſe of Religion, and your, *&c.*

John Evans.

Yſtradgynlais in *Brecknockſhire*, March 18, 1769.

MADAM,

THIS is to certify, that *William John*, Teacher of the *Welch* Charity School in this Pariſh, has been very induſtrious in the Diſcharge of his Duty; moſt of the Children can anſwer the Queſtions in the fundamental Points of the Chriſtian Religion extremely well: and repeat the *Church Catechiſm* and the *Reſponſes* in Divine Service, to the entire Satisfaction of the whole Congregation. I have examined them myſelf in Church on ſeveral *Sundays*, and found them ready in their Anſwers. My Pariſhioners and ſelf do return you, and all the Promoters of this pious Undertaking, our moſt hearty Thanks; ſoliciting alſo the Continuance of the School a little longer. Above ſeventy Scholars attended the School the laſt Quarter. The Good it has done here can hardly be expreſſed.

May the LORD bleſs you with Health and long Life, and reward you and the reſt of the worthy Supporters of this excellent Charity, with preſent and future Happineſs. This is the ardent Wiſh of, *&c.*

Morgan Jones, Curate.

Rhydargaear in *Caermarthenſhire*, March 24, 1769

MADAM,

JAmes Evans, the *Welch* Schoolmaſter now at *Llanpumſaint*, has behaved well. He taught the Children with Care and Diligence. I examined them both at School and at Church, and they gave full Satisfaction to me and the Congregation. Some can read their *Bibles* well, anſwer the *Reſponſes*, ſay their *Prayers*, and *Graces*, the *Church Cateehiſm*, and the *Expoſition* on it. I ſhall in *May* next deſire the Return of the ſame Schoolmaſter, to finiſh what he has ſo well begun. May you live long, and receive here and hereafter the Reward due to your excellent Charity, by which thouſands have obtained the Knowledge of the Goſpel of CHRIST. I am, *&c.*

Benj. Morgan, Miniſter of *Llanpumſaint*.

Llanllyfni in *Carnarvonſhire*, Apr. 5, 1769.

MADAM,

I THINK it incumbent upon me to acknowledge your Goodneſs, in favouring us with a *Welch* School to teach our poor Children: which I do on my own Account, and alſo on the Behalf of my Pariſhioners, in the moſt ſincere and thankful Manner.

Manner. And now to ſay ſomewhat of the Bearer, *Thomas Gough*'s Behaviour, for the laſt two Quarters you have favoured us with his Labour. I cannot do him Juſtice, without aſſuring you, that he has given my Pariſhioners, as well as myſelf, very great Satisfaction, in regard to the Pains taken by him in inſtructing the Children committed to his Care. He has had a numerous School (upwards of a *Hundred*) and he plied it with more than ordinary Diligence, as it doth appear by the Childrens Reading, and anſwering to ſeveral Queſtions in Divinity, ſurprizingly: And by his improving ſeveral aged People, by Night, in their Duty to God and Man; who could not conveniently attend by Day.

He has not been wanting in his Endeavours to civilize my Pariſhioners, who, moſt of them, are *Libertines* themſelves, and very *illiterate*; and ſuffer their Children to do as they liſt, on *Sundays*, as well as other Days; without exerting their Paternal Authority. Being ſenſible of the ineſtimable Bleſſing of this Charity, and the great Loſs it muſt be to many poor Children in my Pariſh to to be deprived of it, I am induced to beg the Favour that you will let it continue here for a Quarter or half a Year longer. And for that Purpoſe the Maſter waits on you for further Orders, in hopes you will extend your Goodneſs in permitting this ineſtimable Bleſſing to continue ſome time longer amongſt us: that thereby the good Seed of the Word of God may have a deeper Root in them. That it may pleaſe God amply to reward you and all the Promoters of this moſt charitable and glorious Undertaking, and influence your *Labours of Love* with a happy and farther Succeſs, is the ſincere Prayer of, *&c.*

Ellis Thomas, Rector.

Abergavenny in *Monmouthſhire*, Apr. 7, 1769.

MADAM,

THE poor Inhabitants of this Pariſh, duly ſenſible of the great Advantages and Benefits which have accrued to their Children from the *Engliſh* Charity School we have had here through your Favour, beg leave to return their moſt ſincere and hearty Thanks to their kind Benefactreſs. *Rachel Price*, under whoſe Inſpection and Management it has been conducted ſince its Settlement in this Town, deſerves every Commendation, as ſhe has been very diligent and induſtrious. I have often catechiſed the Children, and they can not only all ſay their *Catechiſm*, but for the moſt Part the *Expoſition* alſo. And it is with the greateſt Satisfaction I have the Pleaſure to acquaint you, how beneficial it has been to the poor Pariſhioners of this Place, where the Number of them is almoſt incredible; and therefore we have the greater Reaſon with one Voice humbly to requeſt the further Continuance of it. And which ſhould we be ſo happy as to be favoured with, is not only the Prayers of my poor Pariſhioners in general, but alſo that in particular of, *&c.*

John Williams.

Bangor in *Cardiganſhire*, April 12, 1769.

MADAM,

HAVING examined the Children of the *Welch* Charity School, laſt *Sunday* at *Bangor*, being Fifty-ſeven in number, moſt of them anſwered extremely well in the Catechiſm. The Pariſhioners

ers join with me in hearty Thanks to you for this Favour, and likewiſe for ſo good and diligent a Schoolmaſter. I remain, *&c.*

Henry Thomas, Rector of *Bangor*.

Rhyddlan in *Flintſhire*, April 17, 1769.

THIS is to certify, that *Robert Jones*, Maſter of the *circulating Welch* Charity School kept at *Rhyddlan*, hath behaved himſelf ſoberly and regularly, and improved the Children committed to his Care, in their *Reading* and *Catechiſm*. The Pariſhioners and myſelf return our moſt grateful Thanks to the Encouragers of this good Inſtitution.

Wm Jones, Curate of *Rhyddlan*.

Mathry in *Pembrokeſhire*, April 18, 1769.

MADAM,

THIS is to certify you, that *Evan John*, the Bearer hereof, Maſter of the *Welch* Charity School at St *Nicholas*, has been very diligent; the Children under his Tuition are greatly improved; and the poor Parents deſire you would be pleaſed to ſend him here again at *Michaelmas* next. I am, *&c.*

James Evans.

Pendaulwyn in *Glamorganſhire*, April 22, 1769.

THIS is to certify, that *David Thomas* has kept a *Welch* School within the Pariſh of *Pendaulwyn:* and that the Children inſtructed by him, have been examined by me in the *Church Catechiſm*, to the great Satisfaction of the Inhabitants. I have not the leaſt Doubt, but the Promoters and Benefactors to the *Welch* Schools, will be amply rewarded hereafter. I am, with the greateſt Reſpect, a Wellwiſher and Admirer of their laudable and charitable Diſpoſition.

Edward Thomas, Vicar of *Pendaulwyn.*

Yſpytty Evan in *Denbighſhire*, May 1, 1769.

MADAM,

I Have the Pleaſure to aſſure you, that the Children taught by *Daniel Jones*, Maſter of the *Welch* Charity School in this Pariſh, have, during his Continuance here for *Six Months* laſt paſt, made a ſurprizing Progreſs in Learning; which manifeſtly declares, that he has been conſcientiouſly diligent in inſtructing them in the Principles of the Chriſtian Religion. Many of the Scholars can read the *Welch Bible* very well. I have examined them (being about Seventy-five in Number, and alſo above Thirty adult Perſons, whom he does teach by Night, becauſe they cannot attend by Day) both in School and in Church; and had the Satisfaction to find, that they could repeat their Catechiſm audibly and diſtinctly. And ſeveral of them could give a good Account of the Meaning thereof.

of. And not only that, but ſome of them are ſo ready as can be expected in their *Reſponſes* at divine Service, to the great Comfort of their Parents and Admiration of the Congregation; who join in praiſing the Almighty, that there ever was ſuch a charitable and pious a Deſign thought on and put in practice, for the Advancement of our holy Religion, and Eſtabliſhment of true Chriſtian Piety amongſt us.

May God amply reward you, and the reſt of the worthy Contributors, for what you have already done to the Children of my poor Pariſhioners, and the Aſſiſtance given me towards the Diſcharge of my Duty. May all manner of Happineſs attend you and them here and hereafter. This is the ſincere Wiſh and Prayer of, *&c.*

Joſeph Jones, Miniſter of *Yſpytty Evan.*

Newcaſtle near *Coyty*, in *Glamorganſh.* May 2, 1769.

Madam,

WITH great Pleaſure I certify, that *Mary Evan*, the poor Woman appointed by you to keep the *Welch* Charity School in the Village of *Coyty*, has been very careful and conſcientious in her Employment. I have lately examined the Children under her Care, and have, to the real Satisfaction of many then preſent, found them well and regularly grounded in the great and glorious Principles of Chriſtianity. May the Author of all Grace incline their Hearts to the Life and Practice of that Knowledge, which, through your Goodneſs, they have acquired; then may we hope, that the Religion of Jesus will be flouriſhing among them,

when we are mouldering in the Duſt. The Pariſhioners of *Coyty* deſire to join me in returning you our moſt ſincere Thanks for the great Favour you were pleaſed to confer upon us. I am, *&c.*

David Jones, officiating Miniſter of *Coyty*.

Landough by *Cowbridge* in *Glamorganſhire*, May 6, 1769.

I HEREBY certify, that *Jane Thomas*, the Bearer hereof, has taught a *Welch* Charity School in my Pariſh of St *Hilary*; and has acquitted herſelf of her Duty much to her Credit, as very ſatisfactorily appears from the Improvements of her Scholars, both in their Learning and Morals. In witneſs whereof, I hereunto ſet my Hand.

John Walters.

Maenardeivy in *Pembrokeſhire*, May 8, 1769.

MADAM,

THIS is to certify, that *John Jenkin*, Maſter of the *Welch* Charity School in this Pariſh, has faithfully diſcharged his Duty in inſtructing the poor Children committed to his Charge, as it plainly appears by the Proficiency they have made. They have been often examined by me at Church; and the Readineſs wherewith they repeated the *Church Catechiſm*, and the *Reſponſes* they made to other catechetical Queſtions, gave general Satisfaction to the whole Congregation and myſelf. I hereby join with my Pariſhioners, in returning our

our ſincere Thanks to you and all the Promoters of this laudable Charity: beſeeching God to bleſs you moſt abundantly, and proſper this and all ſuch pious Undertakings. I am, *&c.*

Evan Morgan, Curate.

Abergavenny in *Monmouthſhire*, May 11, 1769.

MADAM,

I Have the Pleaſure to acquaint you, that *John Powell*, Maſter of the *Engliſh* Charity School in my Pariſh of *Lanellen*, has been very careful and diligent in performing his Duty of inſtructing the Children under his Care to read *Engliſh*, and in teaching them the *Catechiſm*. I have examined the Children in Church. They are greatly improved in their Reading, and moſt of them can ſay the *Church Catechiſm*, to the great Satisfaction of their Parents and others. Gratefully acknowledging the Favour you have been pleaſed to confer on me and my poor Pariſhioners. I am, *&c.*

Thomas Richards.

Dwygyfylchi in *Carnarvonſhire*, May 20, 1769.

MADAM,

WE the Miniſter, Church-wardens and the Pariſhioners of *Dwygyfylchi* in the ſaid County, do hereby certify, that *Richard Williams*, Teacher of the *Welch* Charity School, hath behaved well and

and agreeable to the School Rules, as witneſs our Hands the Day and Year above-written.

Robert Roberts, Curate.
William Jones,
Hugh Jones,
Owen Prichard,
The Mark of { *Thomas Williams*, *John Thomas*.

Panteague in *Monmouthſhire*, May 24, 1769.

THESE are to certify, that the Bearer hereof, *Tho. Evans*, has kept a *Welch* Charity School in the Pariſh of *Panteague*, and attended it diligently. He has often brought the Children to Church, where, in catechiſing them, their Improvement in ſaying the Catechiſm, agreeably ſurprized all the Congregation. The Pariſhioners do join with me in expreſſing our Thanks to the Donors of this God-like Charity. I am, *&c.*

John Jones.

Langwm in *Monmouthſhire*, June 5, 1769.

MADAM,

THIS is to certify, that *Charles Vaughan*, Maſter of one of the *circulating Engliſh* Charity Schools, at the Pariſh Church of *Lanvihangel-Tormynydd*, has been induſtrious in his Duty, and behaved well. The Children made good Proficiency in learning the *Catechiſm* and the *Explanation* thereof. The Childrens Parents do praiſe GOD for the Benefit of the School, and pray for you, as their worthy Benefactreſs. We hope to be favoured with

with another Quarter, towards perfecting of them in their Reading and Catechiſm; which is very much deſired by the Childrens Parents, and likewiſe by

R. Davies, officiating Miniſter.

Llangathen in *Caermarthenſhire*, June 20, 1769.

MADAM,

Morgan Rees, the Maſter of the *Welch* Charity School in this Pariſh, for *Six Months* laſt paſt has been very induſtrious, and with unwearied Diligence, by Day and Night, inſtructed about a Hundred and forty Scholars: Many of whom, can read perfectly, moſt of them can ſay the Church Catechiſm, and many ſhort Queſtions by way of Explanation thereon, which I have experienced by private and public Examination, to the entire Satisfaction of myſelf and Pariſhioners, who join me in returning you, and other pious Benefactors of this excellent Charity, our moſt ſincere and grateful Thanks.

John Howels, Vicar of *Llangathen*.

Llangamarch in *Brecknockſhire*, June 20, 1769.

MADAM,

THIS is to certify, that *Francis Jones*, who was employed to keep the *Welch* Charity School in this Pariſh, has been careful and diligent in inſtructing the Children committed to his Care, both in teaching them to read, and in catechiſing them in the *Welch* Language: which, by GOD's Bleſſing,

Bleſſing, may be a Means to bring them to a ſaving Knowledge of the Chriſtian Religion.

I do, in my own Name, as well as that of my Pariſhioners, return our moſt ſincere Thanks to the worthy Benefactors of this laudable Charity, always praying for their Welfare here, and their eternal Reward hereafter, *&c.*

Tho. Davies, Curate of *Llangamarch.*

Mynyddiſlwyn in *Monmouthſhire*, June 27, 1769.

MADAM,

THE Children, who are under the Tuition of *Ann Edward*, have been examined at Church in the Time of Divine Service; who wonderfully improved themſelves in the *Church Catechiſm.* I beg you would be pleaſed to continue the School one Quarter longer. Your Compliance herein ſhall be eſteemed as a Favour, by

Edward Hyett.

Llangevelach in *Glamorganſhire*, July 1, 1769.

THIS is to certify, that the Bearer, *Henry David*, has faithfully performed his Duty, as a *Welch* Schoolmaſter; and has had under his Care Ninety Scholars of different Ages; moſt of them have made ſurprizing Progreſs in ſo ſhort a Time. And it is our Deſire, with your Approbation, to continue him here longer.

Rice Davies, Vicar.

Languinor in *Glamorganſhire*, July 7, 1769.

MADAM,

THIS is to certify, that *David William*, Teacher of the *Welch* Charity School here, hath been diligent in teaching the Children committed to his Care. They have publicly repeated the *Church Catechiſm* by heart, and many of them a good Portion of the *Expoſition* thereon, to the Satisfaction of their Audience in general. The Pariſhioners and ſelf return our moſt ſincere Thanks to you, and all the Promoters and Benefactors of this moſt uſeful and excellent Charity.

Thomas Griffiths, Curate.

Piſtill in *Carnarvonſhire*, July 14, 1769.

MADAM,

THIS is to certify, that *Hugh Williams*, Maſter of the *circulating Welch* Charity School in this Pariſh, is a Perſon of a regular and ſober Converſation, and behaved with due Diligence in inſtructing the Children committed to his Care. His Scholars have been examined publicly in Church, and anſwered beyond the Expectation of many of the Audience. As ſeveral young ones are newly entered into this School, it is humbly hoped your often-experienced Goodneſs to the Fatherleſs and Indigent, will incline you to grant them another Quarter. I am, *&c.*

John Jones, Curate ibidem.

Bryncroes in *Carnarvonſhire*, July 18, 1769.

THIS is to certify, that *John Jones*, Maſter of the *Welch* Charity School in the Pariſh Church of *Bryncroes* for half a Year, has been diligent in teaching the Children to Read, and to learn the *Catechiſm* and the *Expoſition*; which they have repeated very perfectly, to the great Satisfaction of the whole Pariſh. The Number of the Children is Ninety-ſix. The Pariſhioners and myſelf do gratefully acknowledge the kind Favour.

James Davies, Curate.

Llanfairtalhaiarn in *Denbighſhire*, July 23, 1769.

THIS is to certify, that the *circulating Welch* Charity School in this Pariſh, has been very diligently attended by *Maurice Jones*. And we deſire that the ſame may be continued for a Quarter longer.

Thomas Hughes, officiating Miniſter.
Robert Conway, } Churchwardens.
Edward Roberts, }

Lanover in *Monmouthſhire*, July 29, 1769.

THIS is to certify, that *James Powell*, Maſter of the *Engliſh* Charity School in the Pariſh of *Lanover*, has ſo well diſcharged his Duty in that Reſpect, to the Satisfaction of the Pariſhioners; that they, as well as myſelf, deſire, that he may be continued Maſter thereof for another half year.

Francis Lewis, M. A. Vicar of *Lanover*.

Henllanamgoed in *Caermarthenſhire*, Aug. 11, 1769.

MADAM,

I DO with great Pleaſure acquaint you, that the *Welch* Charity School you were pleaſed to beſtow on the poor Inhabitants of this Pariſh, has ſucceeded to Admiration. *Philip John*, the Teacher of it, has been very honeſt in the Performance of his Duty; and is truly worthy of Commendation. I have often examined his Scholars in Church, at the Time of Divine Service; and found them very well verſed in the *Church Catechiſm*, and the *Expoſition* of it, together with many other Queſtions concerning the Being and Attributes of GOD, and their Duty to him and their fellow Creatures, to the great Admiration of the Auditors, and Satisfaction of their Parents. Many of them are ſo young, poor and naked, that they could not attend the School every Day, for want of Food and Raiment: therefore, jointly with my Pariſhioners, I beg the Favour of having the School continued for two or three Months longer; that they may be farther grounded and confirmed in the Fundamentals of our moſt holy Religion. We all join in our ſincere Thanks for Favours already received. That God Almighty may reward you a hundred Fold, is the ſincere Prayer of, *&c.*

John Philips, Curate.

Lanboidy Pariſh in *Caermarthenſhire*, Aug. 14, 1769.

THIS is to certify, that the Bearer hereof, *Lewis Thomas*, hath kept a *Welch* School at the Chapel of *Eglwys-fair-lantave*, within the Pariſh of *Lanboidy* aforeſaid, for ſix Months paſt: and has behaved

behaved himſelf ſoberly and decently. I have examined the Scholars in private and public; and find they have made good Improvement. About Thirty of them have learned the *Church Catechiſm*, and ſome have alſo learnt a good Part of the *Expoſition*; and all of them can ſay the *Prayers* and *Graces* to Satisfaction. I do in my own Name, as well as in that of the neighbouring Inhabitants, return you, and the reſt of our kind Benefactors, our moſt ſincere Thanks for the Favour done by Means of the ſaid School.

David Edmond, Miniſter.

An Account of the Circulating and Catechetical

Welch *and* Engliſh Charity Schools,

From *Michaelmas* 1768, to *Michaelmas* 1769.

In theſe *Schools* (ſupported by the Charitable Benefactions of the Well-diſpoſed, whom we pray God to bleſs and reward) Men, Women, and Children, being ignorant of the *Engliſh* Tongue, (except a few *Engliſh* Schools ſet up in ſome Pariſhes where the Inhabitants underſtand no *Welch*) are taught to read in their native *Britiſh* Language, and catechetically inſtructed *every* Day they are at School; and many in the Night, who cannot attend by Day, in the Principles and Duties of Religion, out of the *Church Catechiſm*, and the Explanation of it, for *Four* or *Five*, and ſometimes for *Six Months*, or longer, as thoſe who deſire to learn have Need of them; and at ſuch Times of the Year, as the Poor can beſt ſpare from their Labour to attend them.

Welch Charity Schools in *Angleſea*.

Where taught.	N° of Scholars.
Llanfairynghornwy Pariſh Church	73
Brecknockſhire.	
Ynys llyn ddu in *Yſtrad gynlais* P.	71
Carried over	144

Where taught.	N° of Scholars.
Brought over	144
Glyn yr Hebog in d° P.	48
Heol ſenny in *Devinnock* Pariſh	50
Illtud Chapel in d° P.	49
Gargodlwyd in ditto	39
Carried over	330

Where taught.	Nº of Scholars.
Brought over	330
Battle Chapel	28
Llandilo 'r vane Pariſh Church	26
Pen y rhiwfach in *Llangammarch* P.	34
Maiden Hall in dº Par.	27
	445

Caermarthenſhire.

Abercrychan in *Llanvair y bryn* Pariſh	41
Llanllwch Chapel	36
Another School at dº	34
Llandovery Town	62
Blaenau in *Llannon* P.	65
Night School at dº	40
Gelly Cniw in dº Par.	91
Night School at ditto	43
Cwm felinfach in *Llanwinio* Pariſh	50
Tŷ newydd in *Llanddarogg* Pariſh	44
Penarddwylan in *Llanvihangel abercowyn* Pariſh	37
Llanpumſaint P. Ch.	69
Another School at dº	47
Felin fach in *Abergwily* Pariſh	55
Night School at ditto	40
Carried over	1199

Where taught.	Nº of Scholars.
Brought over	1199
Glandwr in *Llangathen* Pariſh	74
Night School at ditto	73
Another School at *Glandwr*	67
Pen y lôn in *Pemboyr* Pariſh	30
Another School at dº	69
Rock Chapel in *Trelech ar Bettws* Par.	77
Glan y rhyd in dº P.	34
Capel Evan in *Cilrhedyn* Pariſh	32
Another School at dº	28
Henllanamgoed P. Ch.	50
Another School at dº	51
Bwlch in *Abernant* P.	52
Eſgairdawe in *Pencarreg* Pariſh	48
Rhiw felin fach in *Abergwily* Pariſh	52
Graig in ditto Par.	43
Eglwys Fair Lantave Chapel	37
Another School at ditto	41
Bettws Chapel in *Trelech* Pariſh	28
Another School at *Capel Evan* in *Cilrhedyn*	43
Llandowror Pariſh Church	18
Carried over	2146

Where taught.	N° of Scholars
Brought over	2146
Cardiganſhire.	
Tremain Par. Ch.	53
Another School at d°	55
Another School at d°	44
Tŷ'r lôn in *Llanvihangel y Croythin* P.	60
Night School at ditto	20
Another School at d°	51
Bangor Par. Ch.	63
Another School in d°	60
Cefn y Goetre in *Llanarth* Pariſh	73
Pembryn Par. Ch.	76
Llanddewy-aberarth Village	82
Llanddewy - brevi Village	83
Another at ditto	32
Tŷ'n y lôn in *Llanbadarn fawr* Par.	66
Night School at ditto	22
Another School at d°	67
Tŷ'n y Berllan in *Llanilar* Pariſh	54
Night School in ditto	44
Blaen Pennal Chapel in *Llanddewy brevi* Pariſh	60
Night School in ditto	20
Nant-cunllo Par. Ch.	70
Night School in ditto	23
Carried over	3324

Where taught.	N° of Scholars.
Brought over	3324
Blanbronfain in *Llanwennog* Pariſh	78
Treventy in *Llangranog* Pariſh	85
Another School in d°	61
Llanrhyſtid Village	81
Night School in d°	74
Llan y Gwyryfon Vil.	80
Another School in d°	15
Tŷhên in *Llechryd* Pa.	48
	3846
Carnarvonſhire.	
Llanllechid Par. Ch.	30
Llandydwen P. Ch.	118
Llangwnadle P. Ch.	117
Another School at d°	94
Brynercos Par. Ch.	146
Llanrug Par. Ch.	67
Another School at d°	40
Bettws Garmon P. C.	90
Another School at d°	69
Bettws y Coed P. Ch.	50
Another School at d°	67
Llanengan Par. Ch.	49
Llanllyfni Par. Ch.	110
Another School at d°	105
Trefriw Par. Ch.	115
Another School at d°	66
Dwygyfylchi P. Ch.	51
Carried over	5230

Where taught.	N° of Scholars.
Brought over	5230
Piſtill Pariſh Ch.	118
Bryncroſe Par. Ch.	97
	5445

Denbighſhire.

Yſpytty Evan P. Ch.	75
Night School at d°	31
Another School at d°	58
Llanfairtalhaiarn Pariſh Church	77
	5686

Flintſhire.

Banquet - Houſe in *Rutland* Pariſh	70
Night School at d°	63
Rutland Town	67
Another School at d°	22
	5908

Glamorganſhire.

Brombil in *Margam* Pariſh	23
Bath in *Llangevelach* Pariſh	90
St Hillary Village	22
Carried over	6043

Where taught.	N° of Scholars.
Brought over	6043
Kenvas iſſa in *Cadaxton* Pariſh	18
Dan y Graig in d°	33
Langynnwyd Village	43
Another School at d°	27
Gelly Village in St *Mary Hill* Par.	42
Another School at d°	20
Neath Town	21
Lanſerny Village	27
Another School at d°	21
Cryddfan in *Lantwit* Pariſh	58
Another School in d°	35
Coyty Village	34
Another School at d°	34
Llangeinor Almshouſe	31
Another School at d°	29
Penheal in *Pendaulwyn* Pariſh	24
Another School at d°	21
Michaelſtone P. Ch.	16
Penon in *Llancarvan* Pariſh	31
Another School at d°	27
	6635

Merionethſhire.

Cilfert ucha in *Llanaber* Pariſh	39
Carried over	6674

Where taught.	N° of Scholars.
Brought over	6674
Monmouthſhire.	
Abergavenny Town Engliſh School	67
Another School at ditto	110
Another School at ditto	114
Uro in *Lanover* P. Engliſh School	63
Lanellen Par. Ch. Engliſh School	55
Lanellen Village	49
Lanvihangel Tormynydd Par. Ch. Engliſh School	38
Another School at ditto	44
Wolves Newton P. Ch. Eng. School	50
Cwm carvan P.C. Engliſh School	35
Another School at ditto	32
Old Houſe in *Lanbadock* Par.	30
Mambole in *Bedwellty* Par.	18
Abertyſswg in d° P.	9
Twyn in *Troſtrey* Pariſh	29
Carried over	7417

Where taught.	N° of Scholars.
Brought over	7417
Pen yr heol in *Panteague* Pariſh.	33
Another School at d°	22
Tŷ mawr in *Goetre* Pariſh	32
Pentwyn mawr in *Mynyddislwyn* P.	23
Another School at d°	22
Penywaen in *Lanvrechva* Pariſh	20
	7569
Pembrokeſhire.	
Henllysfach in *Nevern* Pariſh	37
Another School at ditto	18
Bayvil Par. Church	28
Llanvallteg Pa. Ch.	53
Llwyn Dafydd in *Clydey* Par.	52
Trebyſpus in St *David's* Pariſh	48
Lantwd Par. Ch.	49
Night School at d°	29
Walton Weſt P.Ch. Engliſh School	35
Another at ditto	39
Abercych in *Maenardivy* Par.	56
Carried over	8013

Where taught.	N° of Scholars.
Brought over	8013
Another at ditto	51
Newport Town	56
Another at ditto	44
Night School at ditto	29
Felinganol in *White Church* Pariſh	48
Night School at ditto	42
Penyralt in *Clydey* P.	46
Night School in ditto	17
St *Nicholas* Par. Ch.	54
Carried over	8400

Where taught.	N° of Scholars.
Brought over	8400
Another at ditto	24
Baſſet Ford in *Roſemarket* Pa. Engl. School	41
Bridell Par. Church	40
Another at ditto	33
Puncheſton Pa. Ch.	45
Cwm Cynau in *Nevern* Pariſh	45
Total	8637

Total Number of Schools 173

Number of Scholars 8637

The

The Number of
WELCH
Charity Schools and Scholars
For Three and Thirty Years past.

		Schools	Scholars
In the Year	1737	37	2400
	1738	71	3981
	1739	71	3989
	1740	150	8767
	1741	128	7995
	1742	89	5123
	1743	75	4881
	1744	74	4253
	1745	120	5843
	1746	116	5635
	1747	110	5633
	1748	136	6223
	1749	142	6543
	1750	130	6244
	1751	129	5669
	1752	130	5724
	1753	134	5118
	1754	149	6018
	1755	163	7015
	1756	172	7063
	1757	220	9037
	1758	218	9834
	1759	206	8539
	1760	215	8687
	1761	210	8023
	1762	225	9616
	1763	279	11770
	1764	195	9453
	1765	189	9029
	1766	219	10986
	1767	190	8422
	1768	148	7149
	1769	173	8637
	Total	5043	232299